

PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<b>Inventor(s):</b> Clifton A. Alferness	<b>Examiner:</b> GETZOW, Scott M.
<b>Appln. No.:</b> 10/810,099	<b>Group Art Unit:</b> 3762
<b>Filing Date:</b> March 26, 2004	<b>Confirmation No.:</b> 8202
<b>Title:</b> CARDIAC REINFORCEMENT DEVICE	<b>Customer No.:</b> 25764
	<b>Docket No.</b> 59013-331601

**Mail Stop AF**

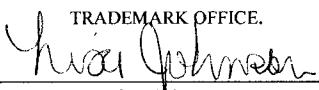
Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I CERTIFY THAT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2006, THIS PAPER IS BEING  
TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO THE U.S. PATENT AND

TRADEMARK OFFICE.

  
Lisa Johnson

### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed August 1, 2006, and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments beginning on page 2 of this paper;
2. Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper; and
3. Remarks beginning on page 5.

No fee is believed to be necessary for entry of this paper. Should any fee be required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Faegre & Benson Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and in such event, is requested to notify us of the same.

### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed on August 1, 2006. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 28-34.

By this Amendment and Response, claim 28 is amended, and claim 29 is canceled. No new matter has been added. Claims 28 and 30-34 are currently pending. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 28 and 30-34 in view of the claim amendments and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.